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Two Editors Attend USO Luncheon in NY

Two *Pilot* editors, Howard Schneider and Charles Saydah, attended a luncheon and meeting of the United Service Organization at the Seventh Regiment Armory, 66 Street and Park Avenue, November 14.

At the meeting were delegates from all the metropolitan high schools and representatives from all the major branches of the armed forces. Presiding over the conference was the Honorable Paul R. Screvane, President of the City Council.

Opportunities in Armed Forces

The purpose of the meeting, as stated by Mr. Screvane, was to acquaint high school boys with the importance of their military obligation and with the opportunities in the armed forces today.

The main speaker was Capt. Joshua L. Goldberg, USN (retired). He stressed that it was not only an obligation but a privilege and an honor to serve one's country in the armed forces. He also maintained that men come out of the military service more mature, not only physically but mentally and emotionally.

Lt. Col. James D. Fagen presented a colorful history of the Seventh Regiment, and Dr. Francis Griffith, an Assistant Superintendent of New York City High Schools, outlined the background of the USO.

Young Men Apathetic

Colonel Paul Akst and William E. Walsh both commented on the evidences of apathy shown by today's young men about fulfilling their military obligation.

The USO distributed press kits to each guest at the luncheon. The folders contain pamphlets on all divisions of the armed forces, including descriptions and opportunities of each. The brochures are to be distributed among interested seniors, but all boys are urged to look into them.

The booklets are in Mrs. Catania's office, room 123.

At the Arista Helm

George Kull

Seated: Adele Corradengo, Mrs. Catania, Noel Salem. Standing: Bob Levine, Dan Chernofsky.

Hamilton Hopes to Have Foreign Student as Guest

By Lois Leewe

Does the idea of having a foreign student live in your home appeal to you?

One of ten Hamiltonites may have such an opportunity and be host or hostess to a foreign teenager for three weeks in February. The ten have offered their homes to the New York Herald Tribune Youth Forum.

The Forum has been in operation for seventeen years. Through its efforts many foreign delegates have spent three months here, traveling and living with families in different parts of America. They attend public schools and learn something about the American way of life. The potential delegates are carefully selected, a knowledge of English being one requirement for admissibility.

To Announce Name Soon

Fort Hamilton's visiting student, and the country represented, will be named soon. Last February Fort Hamilton and Rosemary Stachowiak, a '62 graduate, had Dureen Islam as a guest. The G.O. appropriates some money for the foreign delegates.

In addition to foreign students, the Herald Tribune Forum chooses a United States delegate. Fort Hamilton has three in competition for this honor: Janet Yellen, 4B8; Peter Mollo, 4B8; and Evelyn Byers, 4A3. They were chosen by a group of social studies teachers at an elimination in which six students participated.

These three Hamiltonites will go on to more contests, competing for borough selection, and later for Greater New York selection. The finalist will spend Christmas week at Sarah Lawrence College to get to know the foreign candidates. The United States and foreign delegates will go to Washington, D.C., where they will meet President Kennedy.

Said Miss Rita Duhig, acting chairman of the Social Studies Department, "It's really a wonderful experience for our students."

Arista Inducts 86; Membership Is 131

By Marcia Feigenbaum

The assembly of November 28 will not be forgotten so quickly by the 40 seniors and 46 juniors who participated in its program. For on that day these 86 students took the Arista oath and became members of Fort Hamilton's honor society.

Under the supervision of Arista Adviser Mrs. Mary Catania, Daniel Chernofsky, Treasurer of the Society, began the ceremony by lighting the central candle representing the 45 members selected last year. From this flame, Robert Levine, Boy Leader, lit the candle of Scholarship; Adele Corradengo, Girl Leader, the candle of Service; and Noel Salem, Secretary, the candle of Character.

Mrs. Catania administered the Arista oath to the new members and presented them to Mr. Leder. The principal then gave them their pins and certificates.

The traditional party was held after school in honor of all the members of the society.

"We have a very fine group," said Mrs. Catania. "These seniors have excellent records, and I'm sure that they will live up to the high standards set by Arista."

New Members

Edith Ackerman, Patrick Agostino, Nancy Bengtson, Jeffrey Berger, Constance Biancoviso, Ruth Brachfeld, Ruth Brensilber, James Borrazas, Richard Brown, Lorraine Cali, Ramona Calsada, Eileen Carver, Laura Chin, Ellen Cohen.

Corrinne Colletti, Anthony Corlito, Raymond Davenport, Arthur Di Mattia, Nancy Di Paolo, Janet Di Rosa, Milton Eisner, Alan Feller, Marcia Feigenbaum, Linda Ferretti, Susan Figved, Eileen Gallagher, Joan Garner, Maria Gasser.

Joseph Graziano, Lorraine Guarino, Ruth Gustafson, Willy Haendler, Eva Halpern, Kenneth Martin Hansen, Ellen Harswick, Ellen Jabara, Jacqueline Jasous, Lois Johnson, Barbara Kalesh, Lawrence Katen, Lois Klele, Loretta Knudsen, Nancy Kolodny.

Nancy Kramer, Edith Kristiansen, Debbie Leichtman, Leslie Lorch, Lorraine Magrino, Charles Major, Helen

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Talks His Way Into Scholarship

James Borrazás, 4B2, won a scholarship on the basis of his recitation of a part of *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* (*The Would-Be Gentleman*) in French before a group of Centre d'Art Dramatique judges.

Every Tuesday, from 4:30 until 6:30, this linguistically-gifted senior is busy rehearsing plays and improving his already polished pronunciation. "I've always been interested in teaching French and I'm sure this will prove to be valuable experience," said James.

He is also taking advantage of the Russian lessons given on TV.

Like to Debate? Join Minutemen

"If you enjoy debating the latest world affairs, or would like to become more informed about them, why not join the Minutemen?" urges Miss Margaret Kelly, faculty adviser.

The Minutemen meet Monday afternoons in room 229 to discuss important world matters. This year they are planning, among other things, a theater party and a spring trip.

Officers of the club, elected last June, are Florence Capaldo, president; Evelyn Byers, vice-president; Mary-Ann Pinto, secretary; Marcia Feigenbaum, treasurer; and Robert Alekel, parliamentarian.

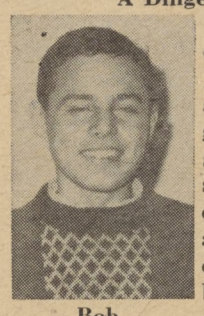
The International Club, now a part of this group, will be host to a foreign student participating in the Herald Tribune Forum.

Boy Leader Sees Arista As Outlet for Service

By Debbie Leichtman

Your reporter would like to introduce you to a Fort Hamilton "commuter." He commutes daily between his classes and the office of Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator and Arista adviser. His name is Robert Levine, Boy Leader of Arista.

A Diligent Worker



Bob

"Being Boy Leader of Arista is enjoyable and valuable. It offers a greater outlet for service to fellow students, and increases friendships as one becomes closer to the student body," he said.

Along with the Girl Leader, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, Bob works during the eighth period, and often after school, assisting with college and Arista applications, helping with the general duties of the office, and alternating with the Girl Leader in presiding over Arista meetings and social functions.

Bob is planning a career in psychiatry and hopes to attend Columbia University. Recently he attended a student conference at Brooklyn College for all seniors considering a career in medicine. By the way, Bob's father is a psychologist!

Has Fun Too

What does a Boy Leader do in his spare time? Reading, sports, and the theater head Bob's list of extracurricular activities. For the past two years he has played on the school tennis team. When he was a member of the Orchestra and Dance Band, he played the trumpet. An avid fan of Pete Seeger, he now pursues the guitar.

Science is also one of his hobbies. He served as a member of the Biology Club and now works on the Chemistry Squad. Having an enthusiastic interest in the Peace Movement, he diligently follows the trend of current affairs.

This past summer Bob was a counsellor at Camp B'nai B'rith in Starlight, Pa. He looks forward to returning next summer, "then, off to college!"

Red Cross Works To Bring Gladness

This year the Junior Red Cross Club, under the supervision of Miss Hanna Mattson, is again working to make many people happy at holiday time.

School donations will include fifteen dolls dressed by the club, 25 wooden toys, five writing boards (made by the Shop Department), six Christmas wall decorations, and ten Easter centerpieces (made by the Art Department). Hamiltonities will be asked to contribute toward filling one hundred stockings for adults.

For the rest of the year, the club members will undertake the project of knitting afghans. In the spring the girls will also help promote the Junior Red Cross Drive.

"We hope the school will do as well this year as it did last year," said Miss Mattson. "Last year we were able to give more than our quota."

Girl Leader to Teach; Wants to Aid the Deaf

By Jo Anne Russo

Meet Adele Corradengo, this year's Girl Leader of Arista—intelligent, friendly, versatile, and real hep.

Active Adele has been a member of the basketball and volleyball clubs, the Curtaintimers, the Boosters, Modern Dance, and the Senior Committee. She enjoys jazz and loves to dance, and although a participant in many sports, she favors tennis, bowling, and swimming.

Adele was employed the past summer on the main floor of Arnold Constable where she now works Saturdays. "I enjoy making new friends," she said. "Through my work I am able to meet people from different parts of the world, observe their customs, and inquire about their countries."

Adele

To Teach Deaf Children

After graduation next June, Adele will attend Brooklyn College. She will major in elementary education and psychology and prepare to teach deaf and retarded children.

Her favorite subjects are history and English. She enjoyed English 3H6 last year very much because it stressed English and American literature. Adele reads a great deal in her spare time, favorite authors being Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald. She recently completed *Tender Is the Night* and has read almost all of Fitzgerald's novels.

Johnny Mathis Favorite Singer

This active senior enjoys most music and finds Johnny Mathis fascinating. "He is my favorite singer."

Adele is keenly interested in the graduating class. "Something happends to you when you become a senior," she reflected, "that makes you want to do everything you possibly can to make your class the best the school has ever had."

Mrs. Mary Catania, Arista adviser, said, "Adele is a very fine, conscientious, helpful girl. In describing her, one may be pardoned for using superlatives."

The Editors Say...

Among the Best

A week ago yesterday 86 students were inducted into Arista, Fort Hamilton's honor society.

Election to membership in this organization is indeed an honor, for it signifies excellence in scholarship, service and character—qualities of great value.

Every member earned this honor by combining native ability with hard work. Neither of these two without the other is sufficient to make one eligible for Arista.

Every student honored by induction has also demonstrated a fine character and a willingness to give time and service to the school.

There is no doubt that from the Arista societies throughout the United States will come a great number of our future outstanding citizens—doctors, dentists, nurses, engineers, teachers, lawyers, artists, business men, and others too numerous to mention.

Because we recognize this fact, and see in the Arista members of today some of the finest men and women of tomorrow, we extend to them well merited congratulations and good wishes.

Have a Heart!

Bright and early each morning, the bus driver leaves the peace and security of his home and family to face the myriad hazards and annoyances which are part of his daily routine. Changing five-dollar bills and avoiding suffocation when riders pack the bus to overflowing are everyday occurrences for him.

Each afternoon, as the clock strikes three, the weary driver turns the corner of Narrows Avenue and approaches Fort Hamilton High. The eighth period has ended and tired students, loaded with heavy books, head homeward. Each would like to board the first bus and get a seat.

The poor driver has to make change, distribute transfers, and direct passengers to the rear of the vehicle. When every student must be reminded every day to produce his bus pass for inspection, a kind and courteous disposition can be strained to the breaking point. To the student who is the target of the busdriver's wrath, it seems that the driver has become a veritable villain and monster.

What's the point? Showing your pass when boarding a bus won't cure the ills of the world, but it will make the day more pleasant for the busdriver—and perhaps for yourself too.

Teenagers in Politics

You don't have to be 21 to play an important role in politics. More and more teenagers are discovering the fun, hard work, and satisfaction obtained by participating in local, state, or national political groups.

Yes, it's a fact that teenage volunteers are energetic and enthusiastic workers. Political candidates know this and figure on teen support in every campaign. Teenagers are as vital as sound trucks, leaflets, and microphones, for one worker can account for twenty to thirty votes.

In a special statement to teenagers, Vice-President Johnson discussed the importance of participation in politics. He said, "The students of today must prepare for total responsibility as citizens in this new era." In the United States, citizenship does not start on a certain date, and there is no age barrier in politics.

What can you do? In many political clubs throughout the country, teens are helping out by gathering signatures for petitions, checking registered voters, and distributing literature.

What do you get out of it? Aside from tired feet, you get a wealth of experience and knowledge. You gain an insight into politics and the people in it, most of whom are sincere, intelligent, and hard-working.

Regardless of your age, working with political groups can be performed by active citizenry. The key words to a start in politics are, "I'm interested. What can I do?" Chances are you won't finish your sentence before you are put to work.

PTA President Dedicated To Welfare of Students

By Joan Garner

The Parent-Teacher Association installed as its president a man who is eminently qualified to assume the responsibilities of that office.

He is Mr. Carl Swalling, a dedicated and active participant in school and community affairs.

His associate officers include Miss Margaret Haigney, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Levine, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Compton, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Arthur Ciccone, treasurer.

Mr. Swalling

"I have always been vitally interested in the development of our youth," said Mr. Swalling. "I believe that the PTA, in bringing together parents and teachers, helps both to understand the children much better."

At the October meeting, Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal, spoke on "Fort Hamilton's Greatest Single Problem." Last month Commander Victor Strom of the Navy spoke on selective service.

"We have not yet made any further plans at the moment," the PTA president said, "but we expect some suggestions at our committee meetings."

Former Baseball Player

Mr. Swalling, an American Machine and Foundry employee, has been active in community affairs for many years. For twelve of them, after graduation from high school, he played baseball in the New Jersey State League. Later he coached church softball teams.

For three years Mr. Swalling was the institutional representative between St. John's Episcopal Church and Unit 373 of the Boy Scouts of America, during which time he was also a member of the Boy Scouts Atlantic District Activities Committee.

In 1961 he was chairman of this committee and received a plaque in recognition of his services. "I had the honor," he said, "of being chairman of a *most outstanding* group of able men who made up the 1961 Atlantic District Activities Committee."

This year he has been serving as vestryman at St. John's Episcopal Church.

4 Children Hamiltonites

Three of Mr. Swalling's children are Hamilton graduates: Martha, now married; Frederick, a pharmacist; and Carl Jr., an employee of the New York Telephone Company. Another son, Matthew, is in class 3A5.

Perhaps Mr. Swalling's dedication to the welfare of boys and girls can best be summed up in his own words: "The PTA is important because it is in the best interests of the children, and you can never be overly interested in them."

Round About

By Janet Yellen

Question: Do you think chivalry is dead among teenagers?

Noel Salem, 4A11:

Teenagers today pay little attention to chivalry. It must not be overlooked, however, that adults set a poor example for today's youth. The "little old lady" on the crowded train or bus is likely to find most seats occupied by middle-aged males.

Fred Gomez, 3A15:

Chivalry is very much alive today. Boys still hold doors and give up their seats in subways. Unfortunately, these gestures are usually taken for granted by the opposite sex.

Barbara Hirsch, 1B4:

Chivalry is just another word for good manners. Boys who see courtesy displayed in their homes will usually practice chivalry themselves.

Judy Kramer, 2C24:

Rarely, if ever, do you find a chivalrous teenager in this age of rockets and cars. But the feminine population is not blameless, for it is no longer all frills and lace; its independent attitude does not encourage chivalry on the part of the boys.

Michael Markowitz, 3B18:

Boys no longer feel any desire to be chivalrous. Girls expect boys to open car doors for them, but instead of expressing appreciation, they reward the boys with a cold stare.

Susan Wilson, 2C26:

Chivalry is not entirely dead. Boys and girls are polite and courteous toward their friends and relatives, but would never think of holding a door for a stranger.

Peter Mollo, 4B8:

Chivalry is dead, but it should be. Common politeness is necessary, but meaningless gestures are outmoded and needless. We are not living in the Middle Ages; woman has assumed a different place in society—on an equal level with the male.

Patty Gallagher, 3B8:

Chivalry has changed in nature from medieval times but it has not died. People are naturally polite toward one another and are courteous as a matter of habit. To say that good manners are no longer practiced is to say that civilization has retrogressed. We know that this is not the case.

He Still Gets Around

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By Julie Cohn

Christmas Mail

Dear Santa,

Please bring my mommy a Bee-Bee gun. I asked her what she wanted and she said, "All I want is for you to be happy." I would be very happy with her Bee-Bee gun.

Tommy (Age 7)

Julie

Dear Santa,

The way I see it, when I am confronted with seventeen identical Santas within a two-block radius, and each one, without fail, rings a bell, chucks me under the chin and explodes, "Ho! Ho! Ho! and what do you want for Christmas, little boy?", there's obviously something fishy going on. So do me one little favor—will the *real* Santa please stand up!

Milton Brown (Age 17)

Dear Mr. Santa,

On Halloween I went tricking or treating for UNICEF and raised 138 cents. And on Thanksgiving I sold chances on a turkey—and won! So, if you need any "helpers," please let me know and I can get all the members of my Captain Jet Club to stand on our block.

Could you supply us with five Santa-suits in size 6X?

Yours truly,
Mr. Billy

Dear Santa Claus,

The "Living Girdle" you sent me last year died. Please bring me a new one with feeding instructions.

Bea Seech

Dear Santa,

Please send me a boyfriend, on acceptance to Cornell; a prom dress, a bid to go with it, a Corvette, a license to drive it, a boyfriend, a Peter, Paul and Mary Album, a stereo to play it on, a guitar, a boyfriend, a classic comic book of *Arrowsmith*, red hair for Senior Day, an invitation to a Harvard weekend, parental permission to go, a boyfriend.

Thank you,
A Senior Girl

Dear Santa:

Please send me a dozen pairs of non-run stockings (not in mother's size). The ones you sent me in 1961 are on their last legs.

Gertie Grownup

Dear Santa,

My Mommy and Daddy wouldn't listen to me and insisted that we leave our nice old house with a big chimney and move to a nasty new apartment on Shore Road. So, I just wanted to tell you that I'll leave the air-conditioning vent open for you on Christmas Eve.

Love and kisses,
Veronica

Santa Claus, Dear Sir,

This time, please *don't* bring me matching handkerchief and tie sets, woolen underwear, rubbers, Bibles, biographies of famous men, or—even worse—famous women; dictionaries, alarm clocks, clothes to grow into, clothes that won't wear out, money to put in the bank.

Jimmy (Age 10)

Dear Mr. Claus,

Please help me become "Really Sophisticated." Send me a year's subscription to the Daily News.

Oscar Wilde

Dear Santa,

I wanna git even with my stoopid sister Julie. For Christmas, I want you should take her back and send a big brother instead.

Johnny Cohn (address withheld)

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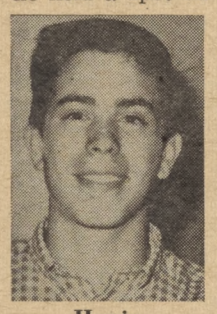
SPORTS DECK

By Howard Schneider

Our most famous alumnus in recent years is Bob Barnek, who graduated in 1960. His fame was achieved not in the classroom, but on the basketball court.

Simply, he was the best basketball player in the history of Fort Hamilton. He led us to the PSAL play-offs in Madison Square Garden, the first time a Fort Hamilton basketball team ever achieved such a feat. As a senior, he held a spot on every all-city basketball team.



Howie

Besieged with numerous college scholarship offers, he yielded to St. Bonaventure, in Olean, New York. Last year he was an outstanding member of their frosh basketball club and proved his ability by averaging over 20 points per game.

One of Country's Best

This year he was moved up to varsity. Billed by national basketball magazines as one of the top sophomores in the country, he is assured of a starting berth in the backcourt. The Bonnies are reputed to be the best ball club in the east and the fifth best in the nation. Bob is certainly playing in elite company.

Unfortunately, St. Bonaventure will be making only one scheduled appearance in New York City, at Madison Square Garden.

Our school has been in existence for more than twenty years. However, our athletic teams have never been officially endowed with a nickname. Early in our history a campaign was undertaken for a name by which our teams would be identified. Subsequently objections were raised and the matter was dismissed.

Enterprising sports reporters have referred to us by a host of names: the Rebels, the Blue-and-White, the Hamiltonites, and the Shoreroaders.

Scuba Diver Says It's Risky But Well Worth It

By Milton Eisner

Scuba diving is a dangerous hobby, but the pleasures outweigh the risks, says Joe Jove, 2B14, scuba diver.

Joe first became interested in this sport when a friend took him to the YMCA on Hanson Place where he was giving a course in it. Joe signed up for the course and has been diving during the past two summers. He usually accompanies his friend, Bernie Nistard, who operates the Aquaparel shop on Third Avenue.

SCUBA is an abbreviation for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, or tanks. Scuba divers use tanks, while skin divers must return to the surface for air.

Joe had a variety of experiences in the pursuit of his hobby. At Coney Island he was stuck at the bottom because of a lost fin. Fortunately his friend came down and recovered it for him before he ran out of air.

Joe sometimes goes spear fishing under water, his biggest catch to date being a ten-pound blackfish.

"Scuba is an interesting hobby," said Joe. "You yourself unfold the wonders of the sea."

If any wonders need unfolding, Joe Jove is certainly equipped to do it. Shades of Lloyd Bridges!

31 Girls Find Dancing Is Fun

By Debbie Leichtman

Put some fun into your school life, try Modern Dancing!

At present 31 girls are following the advice of Miss Margaret Monsen, faculty adviser of the Modern Dance Class. Instead of participating in the standard gym program, they meet each morning during the third period in room 258.

Once assembled in leotards and skirts, they receive instruction in dance fundamentals. They practice the techniques of movement and the elements of rhythm and design in space.

All girls, except those following a limited physical education program, are eligible for membership. Tryouts are held during the spring term, and membership lasts through the senior year.

Opportunities To Display Skills

Participation in the girls health education assembly program and the school's annual musicale gives them opportunities to display their skills.

Members of the class are: Marjorie Crouch, 2B12; Diane Polanski, 2C29; Margaret Lafferty, 2C32; Linda Lovascio, 3A3; Barbara Ferguson, 3B6; Barbara Shriner, 3B6; Merridee Sommer, 3B16; Carmen Granito, 3F19; Karen Weber, 3F21.

June Gaudio, 4A1; Gwen Simmons, 4A1; Virginia Thomas, 4A1; Helen Harms, 4A5; Wanda Jordan, 4A5; Carol Powers, 4A7; Anita Brennan, 4A9; Lorraine Magrino, 4A9; Janet McManus, 4A9; Ste-

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Booters End Year With 6-4 Record

A 6-0 victory over Alexander Hamilton helped the soccer team wind up its 1962 season in fourth place out of nine in the most powerful league in the city.

The team had six wins, four losses, and two ties. Three of the losses were to the best teams in the league — Brooklyn Tech, New Utrecht, and John Jay.

Outstanding Blue and White players were Captain Peter Klein, Co-Captain Bruce Major, Donato Guadignoli and Willy Haendler.

"The team is a closely knit organization which has established friendships," said Coach Richard Cohen. "Like the game, most of our players are foreign born."

He added, "We have a number of freshmen on the junior varsity who look most promising for next season."

Early in November the varsity lost to the seniors in a thrilling 1-0 struggle. Mr. Cohen stepped into uniform to give the seniors a little assistance, though eight of them are on the soccer team.

Basketball

(Games Through Jan. 15)

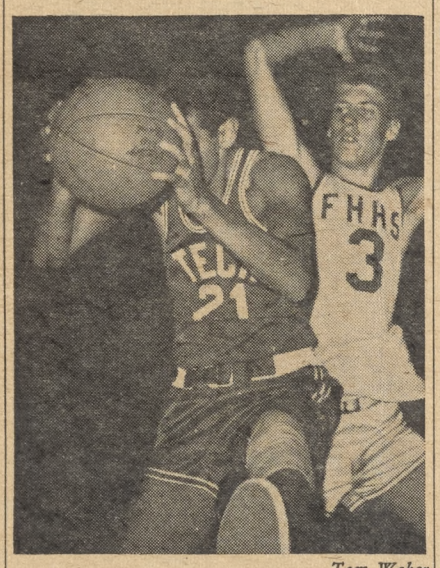
Dec. 7	New Utrecht (L)	A
Dec. 11	Lafayette (L)	A
Dec. 19	John Jay (L)	A
Jan. 4	Lincoln (L)	H (N)
Jan. 8	Sheepshead Bay (L)	A
Jan. 11	Madison (L)	H
Jan. 15	New Utrecht (L)	H

L—League Game
N—Night Game

Games to Date

Nov. 16	B'klyn Tech 78, F.H. 63
Nov. 19	Tilden 82, F.H. 42
Nov. 21	Xaverian 63, F.H. 42
Nov. 27	Midwood 52, F.H. 30

Peek-a-Boo!



Tom Weber

Tech man grabs ball on rebound while Ken Pedersen (No. 3) guards closely.

Retired Railroad Man Helps Coach Track Teams

By Howie Schneider

"Who is that man? I see him on the athletic field every day helping the track team. Is he a teacher? Has he anything to do with the school?"

The man whom many people see, but few know, is Mr. S. C. Fleetwood. Though not officially associated with the school, he has contributed immeasurably to the success of our track teams.

Graduate of Yale

Born and raised in New England, Mr. Fleetwood completed his education at Yale University. After graduation he secured a job as an efficiency expert for a railroad company.

In 1904 he returned to Yale in the capacity of assistant basketball coach. Thus commenced his long career in the coaching ranks. His undying interest in sports and boys led him to various coaching jobs, but he always maintained his regular position with the railroad.

Mr. Fleetwood moved to Bay Ridge twelve years ago, but his desire to instruct boys still remained strong. He had retired and was now able to devote a good deal of time to coaching. He took charge of many church teams in the neighborhood and worked in a Staten Island community center.

Volunteered His Services

His association with Fort Hamilton began seven or eight years ago. According to Mr. Joseph Kottmann, acting chairman of the Boys Health Education Department, Mr. Fleetwood simply walked over to him on the athletic field and asked if he needed help.

Proof of Mr. Fleetwood's invaluable aid is exemplified by the success achieved by our field events men in recent years. In 1958 Bill Urban became indoor and outdoor high-hurdles champ. Ken Borg recaptured the indoor high-jump championship twice and the outdoor once. (He also holds the city record in the hop-step-and-jump.) In 1960 John Moore won the pole-vaulting championship, while last year Dave Leaming repeated John's feat.

Mr. Fleetwood's unceasing efforts have been given without monetary compensation. His rewards have been deep personal satisfaction and the city championships which the boys have won.

"Fort Hamilton is privileged to have a man who gives of his time and effort to help boys develop themselves into competent athletes," said Mr. Kottmann, a close associate of Mr. Fleetwood since his arrival.

Cindermen Set For Indoor Season

The track team, supervised by Coach Thomas McGrath, is preparing for the opening of its 1962-63 indoor season next Thursday.

The cross-country team has already launched its campaign. In the City Championships, the young squad placed eleventh in a field of twenty-two competing schools. Alex Morales was high man for the harriers, coming up twelfth out of 175 boys.

"The secret of success in track," Mr. McGrath said, "is hard work and plenty of it. A track star is not born; he works long and assiduously at it."

The Bishop Loughlin Games next Thursday will intiate the indoor season, and the Cardinal Hayes Meet, the St. Francis Meet, and the N.Y.U. Meet will follow. The Mayor's Meet at Madison Square Garden and the PSAL Championships will terminate the season.

The team is still looking for more prospects.

Quintet Coach Trying to Build Team for '64-'65

By Robert Migdal

This year men are at work constructing the foundations for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to be completed in 1964--65. Mr. Kenneth Kern, basketball coach, is also busy building foundations—for the 1964-65 team of champions.

Coach Kern has high hopes that this year's sophomores will be sizzling court seniors in two years. "This is the finest looking group of sophomores I've seen in many years!" he exclaimed enthusiastically.

Real Tall Fellows

These promising basketeers have great height in Pat Heelan, 6'7"; Richard Biornstad, 6'3"; Leon Park, 6'3"; and Leslie Moore, 6'3". Rounding out this squad are Ken Pedersen, Al Harris, Bob Morris, Doug Bernhard and John Aske.

These sophomores are members of the fifteen-man junior varsity team which plays jayvee teams from a number of other schools. The purpose of this team is to develop each player's individual ability into a cohesive group effort for the tougher varsity competition which awaits them as juniors and seniors.

This year's starting varsity team includes three veterans: center and captain Claude Grayer, guard John Pappas and forward Richard Epstein. Completing the regulars are guards Joe McKenna and Pete Johnson. Said Coach Kern, "In John Pappas we have a truly fine all-round player."

League Opener Tomorrow

The Blue and White has already battled Brooklyn Tech, Tilden, our arch rival Xaverian, and Midwood High School in exhibition games. Tomorrow night the Rebels begin league competition with a game at New Utrecht.

Our team must be especially good this year since a new PSAL rule has been established which limits participation in the playoffs to the top team in each division. Last year the top three teams were allowed to compete at Madison Square Garden.

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Seven Receive Nat. Merit Letters For High Scores

By Helena Nozick

Seven seniors have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring.

They are Florence N. Capaldo, 4B2; Julie A. Cohn, 4B2; Susan L. Figved, 4B12; Kenneth M. Hansen, 4A7; Charles E. Saydah, 4A3; Susan C. Stover, 4B12; and Janet L. Yellen, 4B8.

Receives Commendation

Each student endorsed by his school receives a formal letter of commendation signed by his principal and by the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Copies of the letter will also be sent to the colleges to which the student has applied.

About 28,000 students throughout the country are being awarded letters of commendation. This constitutes about 2% of all high school seniors.

Open to All High Schools

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is open to all high schools in the United States and its territories.

Said Mr. John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, "We earnestly hope that the commended students will continue their education. By doing so they will benefit both themselves and the nation."

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a non-profit, nationwide organization that awards scholarships on a competitive basis. The money is donated by private organizations and corporations.

New Club Hails Ancient Studies

"Hail Caesar! Hail Consul!" might be heard echoing through the halls on Thursdays after school in the vicinity of room 204.

These shouts of praise emanate from the students in the newly formed Classical Club.

Organized in October, the club is headed by Arthur Di Mattia, Consul; Mary Francis, Consul; and Mrs. L. Caesar, Caesar. The purpose of the group is to further the interests of its members in the study of ancient Rome and Greece.

Membership is limited to students who maintain at least a 75% average in Latin. Students who no longer take the language but who received a 75% average are also eligible.

Said Mrs. Caesar, "I am extremely well pleased with the enthusiasm of our plebs, patricians, tribunes, senators and consuls. We are not only learning about the ancient history of Greece and Rome, but are actually living the lives of Roman citizens, including proper Roman dress. Look for our tunics, togas and stolas!"

Soph Likes Money; Prefers It Rare

Numismatics is a long name for a popular hobby—coin collecting. And one of the school's foremost numismatists is Victor La France, 2B20.

Victor first became interested in this science when his parents gave him a coin collection. His interest then became so great that he began to collect on his own.

Some of Victor's favorite items are a Belgian coin from the 1958 Brussels World's Fair and some old American coins, which include $2.50 gold pieces and currency of the 1860's.

Happy Over Merit Honors

Richard Carlson

Mr. Feinberg, senior grade adviser; Susan Figved, Charles Saydah, Susan Stover, Janet Yellen, Forence Capaldo, Julie Cohn, Kenneth Hansen, Mrs. Bonom, senior grade adviser.

Music Programs Usher In Jolly Yuletide Spirit

By Mary-Ann Pinto

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

This was the theme of yesterday's music assembly, sung by the Boys and Girls Choruses and played by the band. The assembly will be repeated Tuesday, December 18.

Next Wednesday and the Wednesday following, the Christmas spirit of the Mixed Chorus and the Orchestra will add to the holiday festivities.

Serious and Light Music

The Girls Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Marie K. Salzberg, will sing *Christmas Hymn; Three Kings*, a French Christmas carol; *Hear the Bells;* and on the lighter side of music, Stephen Foster's *Some Folks.*

The Boys Chorus, directed by Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department, is providing a Christmas atmosphere with the following selections: *Wassail Sing; O Come, O Come, Emanuel; How Far Is It to Bethlehem?* and *Brothers, Lift Your Voices.*

Fum, Fum, Fum; The Christmas Song, Come to the Stable With Jesus, Sing We Now for Christ Is King, and *The Birthday of the King* will be sung by the Mixed Chorus, also directed by Mr. Lessell.

Lively Band Music

The band, under Mr. Gerald Hefron's direction, will start the Christmas program with John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever.* A Christmas party atmosphere will be stirring the auditorium when Harold Walter's *Christmas Party* is played, and everyone will sing along with Mr. Heffron when Irving Berlin's traditional *White Christmas* fills the auditorium.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Koff, the orchestra will play Bizet's *Agnus Dei,* Haydn's *Andante; Greensleeves, Autumn Leaves,* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.*

Arista

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Marczak, Michael Markowitz, Kenneth Mathisen, Kathleen McCauley, Patricia McIntyre, Joseph McKenna, Bernadine McLeod.

Frances Meyers, Robert Migdal, Arno Mikkinen, Patricia Morana, Susan Nadel, Harold Nelson, Carol Nicolaysen, Helena Nozick, Joanne Okolovitch, Vivian Olsen, Carol Pernise, Roy Peterson, Rosemary Rando, Rosalyn Renken, Carolyn Romano, Jo Anne Russo.

Toni Sanders, Raymond Schaerf, Craig Schaff, Howard Schneider, Russell Schneider, Arthur Servidio, Marlene Shama, Vivian Springer, Anna Tagliarini, Frank Tuccillo, Norma Velletri, Michael Wallner, Eleanor Witek, and Betty Yellis.

Old Members

Mary Azzara, Margaret Burfeind, Evelyn Byers, Florence Capaldo, Daniel Chernofsky, Julie Cohn, Adele Corradengo, Diane Edson, Richard Epstein, Janice Farkouh, Pamela Gallo, Lorraine Gagliardi, Helene Glass.

Helen Harms, Linda Hitter, Donna Iannone, Wanda Jordan, Richard Kelter, Ronald Khoury, Janice Kretschmann, Nicholas Limer, Robert Levine, Lois Leewe, Robert Mentone, Barbara Miller, Karin Nelsen, Sissel Nordskog.

Annabel Noto, Barbara Pearson, Mary-Ann Pinto, Dorothy Pohls, Susan Pulaski, Bernadette Quaranta, Charles Saydah, Noel Salem, Barbara Schwartz, Grace Sgarlato, Gwendolyn Simmons, Louis Spaventa.

Susan Stover, Georgiana Telegadis, Virginia Thomas, Ellen Wynn, Janet Yellen, and Marion Yost.

Newman Club 'Adopts' Youngster

The Newman Club announced the arrival of a youngster, Mario, a shy little boy of five, who lives in the Convent of Mercy in Brooklyn.

He arrived in the hearts of the club after Gloria Schuh suggested that they "adopt" an abandoned child.

Every second Sunday a group of six members visits Mario to bring him gifts. His big brown eyes light up with pleasure when he sees his new found friends. Formerly timid and retiring, he now is quite sociable and joins in group activities.

Miss Rita McCann, club faculty adviser, recently invited the members to an outing for Mario, which included a dinner, a trip through the zoo, and a ride on the ferry.

Several of the members have invited him to spend Christmas at their homes.

Soggy Students Win Cozy Prizes for Art

By Nancy Bengtson

Even rain can't scare away (or wash away) ghosts, witches, and other spooks.

This was proven by a rather soggy group of students who participated in the annual Halloween Art Contest October 30.

The contest, sponsored by the Bay Ridge Community Council and the 86th Street Board of Trade, took place between 85th and 87th Streets and Fourth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway.

For the third year in succession, Fort Hamilton won first place, in addition to winning five honorable mention awards.

Alan Thompson Takes First

Alan Thompson, 4A3, took a first in the Elective Art division. He and his assistants, June Gaudio, 4A1, and Bonnie Weinstein, 2A7, received $25 and gold medals.

Honorable mention went to Susan Wasack, 3A13; Karen Korson, 2B18; Linda Vento, 3A11; and Peter Johnson, 3A13. James Selkin, 2C25, received the same in the Required Art division.

Mr. George Kaye, Assistant Director of Art in New York City, was one of the judges in the senior high division. He said, "This contest provides a wonderful opportunity for young artists to show their talent."

Interior Decorating Career

Alan Thompson, creator of the winning painting, hopes to go to Parson College to prepare for a career in interior decorating and designing. Last year he won fourth prize in the Halloween Art Contest.

Bonnie Weinstein and June Gaudio were Alan's assistants in last year's contest also. Bonnie is considering teaching high school art, while June is planning a career in commercial art or apparel design.

Said Bonnie, "Painting in the freezing rain was quite an experience—one I'll never forget!"

All three students are in Mr. Carl Makower's second year elective art class. "They are excellent artists and I am very proud of their achievements," said Mr. Makower.

Aim of PTA Is Student Welfare

The motto of the Parent-Teacher Association, "For the Welfare of Our Sons and Daughters," expresses the aim of this organization, which meets the last Monday of each month in the school auditorium at 8 P.M.

Officers of the PTA are: Mr. Carl Swalling, president; Miss Margaret Haigney, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Levine, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Compton, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Anthony Ciccone, treasurer.

At the October meeting, the first of this school year, Mr. Leder spoke on "Fort Hamilton's Greatest Single Problem." At the November meeting, Lieutenant Commander Strom of the Naval Reserve discussed selective service.

No meeting is scheduled in December because of the Christmas holidays. The PTA will meet again January 28.

"Discussions deal with subjects of general interest to parents and students," said Miss Haigney. "All parents are welcome and are encouraged to attend the sessions each month."

Freshman Laments Scholastic Load

(The following composition was written by a student in Mr. Udewitz's Eng. 1B6 class. We think it's amusing enough to warrant publication in the *Pilot.—Editors*)

Dear Teacher:

As this is a complaint from a student, I doubt if it will make much of an impression on you. However, here is the story of Joe Average-Student.

Joe has to carry a notebook, several textbooks, paperbound books, hardcovered notebooks, and various other small items. Their total weight is twelve pounds. Joe's friends often carry up to fifteen pounds of books. Joe carries these books for about one hour every day.

If Joe were to carry all of this combined weight for one minute, instead of for one hour, he would carry 720 pounds of books. If he were to carry the combined weight for one second, he would carry 43,200 pounds of books, or over twenty-one and one half tons of books. If Joe goes to school for 180 days, and if he were to carry his year's total of books for one second, he would carry 7,776,000 pounds of books, over 3,888 tons.

Please, teachers, have a little consideration for Joe—and for me!

Weighting for Relief,
Margot Hill

Modern Dance

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phanie Nikitas, 4A9; Joyce Burris, 4A3; Bernadine McLeod, 4A11; Karin Nelsen, 4A11; Rochelle Reid, 4A11.

Barbara Beggs, 4B2; Florence Alfheim, 4B2; Joan Wilk, 4B4; Jeanann Papagno, 4B8; Janice Kretschmann, 4B10; Adele Corradengo 4B12; Maryann Clubna, 4B12; Corrine Colletti, 4B14.

To girls unable to participate in the Modern Dance Class, Miss Monsen offers membership in the Modern Dance Club. This club meets every Tuesday afternoon at 3 in the girls gym. Members learn basic principles of dance, and occasionally participate in functions with the Modern Dance Class.

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